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Citizens of Catawba County are Invited to Attend
Carolina Thread Trail Greenway Master Plan Public Forums

<u>Monday, January 25th</u> 6:00-8:00 pm Sherrills Ford Elementary School - Cafeteria 8103 Sherrills Ford Road Sherrills Ford, NC	<u>Tuesday, January 26th</u> 6:00-8:00 pm Newton Depot 1123 North Main Avenue Newton, NC	<u>Thursday, January 28th</u> 6:00-8:00 pm Highland Recreation Center – Community Room 1431 8th St. Dr. NE Hickory, NC
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Help shape the future of greenways and trails in Catawba County!

Catawba County and the Carolina Thread Trail invite all Catawba County residents to attend a public forum for the County's Carolina Thread Trail Master Plan. Please join us to receive information and share your input on the design of the county-wide Greenway Master Plan. Catawba County, its municipalities and the Carolina Thread Trail, along with project consultants Carol R. Johnson Associates and Stewart Engineering, will be present to share information about the project, and to solicit citizen input on where greenway corridors should be located throughout the County.

The same information will be provided at each public forum. For more information about the public forums and the Plan, visit the Carolina Thread Trail web site www.carolinathreadtrail.org or contact:

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About the Carolina Thread Trail

The Carolina Thread Trail is a network of trails, greenways, blueways and conservation corridors that will eventually reach 15 counties in North and South Carolina. It's a project that connects communities and will be a conservation landmark for our region.

The Thread offers opportunities for us to bike, hike, fish, paddle and simply reconnect with nature. The project is all about community. The Thread will be designed, built and owned by the counties, towns and citizens through which it is woven. With technical resources and catalytic funding from The Thread, local communities plan and implement their portions of this green interstate system. Catawba Lands Conservancy is the lead agency for the Thread, working in partnership with the Trust for Public Land, Foundation for the Carolinas, and many local partners.

About Catawba Lands Conservancy

Catawba Lands Conservancy is a regional land trust that permanently protects land, water and wildlife habitat to enhance your quality of life. The Conservancy protects over 7,800 acres in Catawba, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg and Union counties and is one of 24 land trusts serving North Carolina. Catawba Lands Conservancy is the lead agency for the Carolina Thread Trail, an initiative that will link more than two million citizens with hundreds of miles of trails that wind through fifteen counties in North and South Carolina.

Additional Resources:

- www.carolinathreadtrail.org
- www.catawbalands.org
- www.catawbacountync.gov